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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. John Helgerson, Director of Congressional Affairs, CIA

FM: John Plashal, Staff Assistant, Defense Appro. Committee

SU: Hearing on January 25, 1989

Per our conversation of December 12, 1988, the purpose of this memo is to confirm that the hearing on January 25, 1989 will cover the following topics:

- Overview of trends and events in Soviet military, political, economic and foreign policy;
- Projected impact of Soviet unilateral arms reduction package;
- Update on the strategic balance of power and the outlook for Soviet agreement on arms control;
- Update on the Afghanistan situation;
- Update on military situation in Europe, including the potential impact on NATO of recent Soviet initiatives;
- Overview of major military and political trends in Central America and Latin America;
- Potential impact of a partial withdrawal of U S troops from South Korea and Western Europe; and
- Overview on the flow of international drugs coming into the U S including:
 - Money laundering aspect; and
 - What can be done, from the perspective of the CIA, to lessen this flow of drugs.


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- No guarantees that topics other than the above would not be raised in questions by the Members;
- Judge Webster is to be the chief witness;
- Hearing will be in Rm H-140 in the Capitol and will be in executive session;
- It will probably last a couple of hours but no guarantees on the time;
- If you have any questions on the hearings, call Bob Davis who will be back from a Committee inspection trip on December 15th.

Respectfully,



John Plashal